

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
 - a processor; and
 - at least one memory comprising software, the software when executed performing a functionality for a print mechanism,
 - the memory further comprising instructions executable by the processor to cause the processor to:
 - operate the print mechanism in accordance with a first state, the first state disallowing execution of the software so that the print mechanism does not include the functionality;
 - receive user selection information indicative of a second state, the second state allowing execution of the software so that the print mechanism includes the functionality;
 - in response to receiving the user selection information, transmit first information indicative of the user selection to a server;
 - receive second information from the server in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software;
 - change the first state of the print mechanism to the second state using the second information from the server; and
 - operate the print mechanism in accordance with the second state, wherein the print mechanism is not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a disabled state of the functionality, and wherein the second state comprises an enabled state of the functionality.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a first level of performance, and wherein the second state comprises a second level of performance.

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the second information comprises an encryption key.

5. – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the instructions are executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

provide the first information associated with the user selection information to the server using an external interface; and

receive the second information associated with the functionality of the print mechanism in response to providing the first information to the server.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the instructions are executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

provide the first information associated with the user selection information to the server by providing the first information to a computer system coupled to the external interface.

9. (Withdrawn) A system comprising:

a print mechanism;

a print engine configured to operate the print mechanism,

the print engine comprising:

memory that includes software, the software, when executed, performing a functionality for the print mechanism, and

means for operating the print mechanism in accordance with a first state and a second state, the first state disallowing execution of the software so that the print mechanism does not include the functionality and the second state allowing execution of the software so that the print mechanism includes the functionality;

means for receiving user selection information indicative of the second state the print mechanism;

in response to receiving the user selection information, means for transmitting first information indicative of the user selection to a server;

means for receiving second information from the server in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software; and

means for changing the first state of the print mechanism to the second state using the second information from the server,

wherein the print mechanism operates in accordance with the second state, the print mechanism not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.

10. (Withdrawn) A system comprising:
- a functional unit operable by a print engine;
 - the print engine comprising:
 - memory that includes software, the software, when executed, performing a functionality for the functional unit, and
 - means for operating the functional unit in accordance with a first state and a second state, the first state disallowing execution of the software so that the functional unit does not include the functionality and the second state allowing execution of the software so that the functional unit includes the functionality;
 - means for receiving user selection information indicative of the second state of the functional unit;
 - in response to receiving the user selection information, means for transmitting first information indicative of the user selection to the server;
 - means for receiving second information from the server in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software; and
 - means for changing the first state of the functional unit to the second state using the second information from the server,
 - wherein the functional unit operates in accordance with the second state, the functional unit not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.
11. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 10 wherein the functionality comprises a facsimile function.

12. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 10 wherein the functionality comprises a scanner function.
13. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9 wherein the functionality comprises a performance capability.
14. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9 wherein the functionality comprises an upgrade capability.
15. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9 wherein the functionality comprises a functional capability.
16. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9 wherein the functionality comprises a renewal capability.
17. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
 - performing a functionality for a print engine based on the execution of software;
 - operating a print engine in accordance with a first state and a second state, the first state disallowing execution of the software so that the print engine does not include the functionality and the second state allowing execution of the software so that the print engine includes the functionality;
 - receiving user selection information indicative of the second state of the print engine;

in response to receiving the user selection information, transmitting first information indicative of the user selection to a server;

receiving second information from the server in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software; and

changing the first state of the print engine to the second state using the second information from the server,

wherein the print engine operates in accordance with the second state, the print engine not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

receiving a list of selectable functionalities from the server, the list including the functionality selected by the user.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to select the functionality from the list.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to enter the payment information.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

providing the payment information to the server.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
receiving second information associated with the functionality from the server in
response to providing the user selection information and the payment information to the server.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising receiving payment
information associated with the user selection information from the user.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein changing the first state of the
print engine to the second state comprises changing a print speed of the print engine.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein changing the first state of the
print engine to the second state comprises changing a print resolution of the print engine.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein changing the first state of the
print engine to the second state comprises upgrading software or hardware.
27. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
performing a functionality for a functional unit based on the execution of software;
operating the function unit in accordance with a first state and a second state, the first
state disallowing execution of the software so that the functional unit does not include the
functionality and the second state allowing execution of the software so that the functional unit
includes the functionality;
receiving user selection information indicative of the second state of the functional unit;

in response to receiving the user selection information, transmitting first information indicative of the user selection to the server;

receiving from the server, second information in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software; and

changing the first state of the functional unit the second state using the second information from the server,

wherein the functional unit operates in accordance with the second state, the functional unit not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the functionality for the functional unit comprises a facsimile capability.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the functionality for the functional unit comprises a scanner capability.

30. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a processor; and

at least one memory comprising software, the software, when executed, performing a functionality for a functional unit,

the memory further comprising instructions executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate the functional unit in accordance with a first state, the first state disallowing execution of the software so that the functional unit does not include the functionality;

receive user selection information indicative of a second state, the second state allowing execution of the software so that the functional unit includes the functionality;

in response to receiving the user selection information, transmit first information indicative of the user selection to a server;

receive second information from the server in response to the first information, where the second information enables execution of the software;

change the first state of the functional unit to the second state using the second information from the server; and

operate the functional unit in accordance with the second state, wherein the functional unit is not configured to execute the software in order to perform the functionality while in the first state.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functionality comprises a facsimile function.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functionality comprises a scanner function.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the functionality for the print mechanism comprises a print speed.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the functionality for the print mechanism comprises a print resolution.
35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the functionality for the print mechanism comprises a software or hardware upgrade.
36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.
37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the system comprises a printer with multiple hardware modules.
38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.
39. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.
40. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 9, wherein the system comprises a printer with multiple hardware modules.
41. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 40, wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.
43. (Previously Presented) A printer with multiple hardware modules that includes the method of claim 17.
44. (Previously Presented) The printer of claim 43 wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.
45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the print engine operates within a printer with multiple hardware modules.
46. (Previously Presented) The printer of claim 45 wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.